West Coast Germanists’ Workshop

UC Davis | March 17-18, 2018

Conveners:
Frank Biess (UC San Diego),
Edward Ross Dickinson (UC Davis), Paul Lerner (USC)
Ulrike Strasser (UC San Diego), Andrea Westermann (GHI-West)

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The Departments of German Studies and the
Davis Humanities Institute,
The Institute for Social Sciences at UC Davis, and
The Max Kade Center for Austrian-German-Swiss Studies at USC
Saturday, March 17

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.  Welcome

4:15 – 6:00 p.m.  Panel 1: Art, Migration, Nationalism

- **Roii Ball** (UCLA):  
  The Double Life of "Little Heinrich": Nationalizing Children and Colonizing Families in the German-Polish Borderlands, 1890s-1920s

- **Edward Dickinson** (UCD):  
  Mary Wigman and Martha Graham: Modern Dance, Transatlantic Cultural Circuits, and Militant Nationalisms in the 1930s

- **Elizabeth Drummond** (LMU):  
  The Public Uses of History in an Age of Revived Nationalism

- **Ann Goldberg** (UCR):  
  The Creativity Turn: Genius and the Rise of 'Creativity' in the 19th and 20th Centuries (A Few Thoughts)

- **Manuela Homberg** (UCB):  

- **Christiane Reves** (ASU):  
  Initiative: Cluster for German Migration, History and Culture in Arizona at German Studies Center at ASU

- **Sven-Eric Rose** (UCD):  
  Yiddish and the Field of German Holocaust Studies

- **Karl Toepfer** (San Jose State):  
  On the Use of Google Translate in Writing a History of Pantomime

Moderator: **Edward Dickinson** (UCD)

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  Dinner at Preethi Indian Restaurant; 715 Second Street; Davis
Sunday, March 18

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.  **Panel 2: Future, Cultural Change, Media**

- **Colleen Anderson** (Stanford):  
  East and West Germany in Outer Space
- **Jonathan Dentler** (USC):  
  Wire Service Photography and the Globalization of the Spectator, 1920-1955
- **Johannes Endres** (UCR):  
  The Westinghouse Time Capsule (1939)
- **Michael Homberg** (UCB):  
  Historicizing the Digital Age – Questions, Methods, Perspectives
- **Sky Michael Johnston** (UCSD):  
  Considering Popular Peasant Naturalism in Sixteenth-Century Germany
- **Isabel Richter** (UCB):  
  Eastern Skies. Psychonauts and Spiritual seekers in the Transcultural 1960s
- **Andrea Westermann** (UCB):  
  Sliding Up and Down Temporal Scales with Plastic

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10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  **Panel 3: Economy, Politics, Post-War**

- **Andreas Agocs** (USD):  
  From Political Resistance to Cultural Integration -- Recent Trends in the Historiography of Antifascism
- **Ian Beacock** (Stanford):  
  Best of All Possible Worlds? Weimar Historiography and the Paradox of Recovery
- **Volker Benkart** (ASU):  
  Probleme einer Generationengeschichte der DDR am Beispiel der um 1970 Geborenen
- **Benjamin Hein** (Stanford):  
  Of Greenbacks and Anti-Semites: Atlantic Perspectives on Central European History
- **Anna Holian** (ASU):  
  Jews and the Postwar West German Economy: Questions in Search of Answers
- **John McCole** (Oregon):  
  Simmel and the War
- **Jörg Neuheiser** (UCSD):  
  Value Change, Work and Contemporary History: How National May A Transnational History Be?
- **Chenxi Tang** (UCB):  
  Imagining World Order, II: International Law and Literature, 1789 – 1914

Moderator:  **Frank Biess** (UCSD)

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  **Future Planning**

Moderator:  **Andrea Westermann**